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SUBJECT: ANCOM COMMISSION SUSPENDS INCONCLUSIVE
SESSION UNTIL APRIL 12

1. THE TWENTY SECOND ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ANDEAN
COMMON MARKET COMMISSION OPENED MARCH 15 AND HELD FOUR DAYS OF
CLOSED-DOOR MEETINGS. LATE MARCH 18, INSTEAD OF
THE CUSTOMARY PRESS CONFERENCE SUMMING UP THE MEETING THERE
WAS ONLY THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE SESSION HAD ADJOURNED
UNTIL APRIL 12 TO ALLOW THE MEMBERS TO CONSULT WITH THEIR
GOVERNMENTS. DURING THE WEEK THE ONLY NEWS WHICH CAME OUT OF
THE MEETING CONCERNED THE FORMATION OF WORKING GROUPS TO TAKE
UP THE VARIOUS AGENDA ITEMS. THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTORAL PRO-
GRAM WAS NOT INCLUDED.

2. DURING A LUNCH FOR THE VISITING OPIC TEAM ON MONDAY
FOLLOWING THE ADJOURNMENT, EMBOFFS TOOK THE
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OPPORTUNITY TO ASK JUNTA COORDINATOR GENERAL LUIS BARANDIARAN
ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE MEETING. BARANDIARAN'S ONLY
RESPONSE WAS THAT THE COMMISSION HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REACH
AGREEMENT ON THE SPECIAL PROGRAM OF SUPPORT FOR BOLIVIA
AND ON THE TREATMENT OF MIXED ENTERPRISES INVOLVING
FOREIGN INVESTMENT. ASKED IF THE AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM WAS
DISCUSSED HE SAID THAT VIEWS HAD ONLY BEEN EXCHANGED INFORMALLY,

BUT THE SUBJECT WAS NOT PLACED ON THE AGENDA. DESPITE THIS HE
EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTORAL PROGRAM WOULD
BE ACTED ON BY JUNE.

3. COMMENT: IT IS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED, BOTH WITHIN AND
WITHOUT THE ANCOM, SYSTEM THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE
AUTOMOTIVE SECTORAL PROGRAM IS HANDLED WILL LARGEY DEFINE
THE FUTURE OF THE ANCOM. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE
PROCEEDING ON REVISIONS OF THE DRAFT PROGRAM RECENTLY
PRESENTED TO THE MEMBER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, EVEN IF THIS IS
THE CASE, THERE REMAINS THE APPEARANCE OF A DISINCLINATION TO
FORCE THE ISSUE AND OF A LOSS OF VITALITY AND UNITY THAT THE
FIVE MEMBERS HAD SHOWN AT THE END OF THE CONFRONTATION WITH
CHILE AND SINCE. IN VIEW OF THIS, CRITICS OF THE DRAFT AUTO-
MOTIVE PROGRAM WILL LIKELY INCREASE THEIR ALREADY CONSIDERABLE
EFFORTS AND GENERAL SCEPTICISM OVER THE FUTURE OF THE ANCOM
WILL GROW. DEAN

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